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SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Would the Hon. Minister consider the suggestion to have research sections at every district centre, that is, every district veterinary office where a large number of actual cases come up so that research might be very useful and students in the Madras College could be asked to undergo training for a short period before they are full-fledged degree-holders? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I do not know whether it would be worthwhile and practicable to have research sections in every district headquarters, but still I will examine that question."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" The Hon. Minister referred to certain animals being kept in this college. Are they in-patients in the Veterinary Hospital or are they used for purposes of research? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" They are used for the purpose of teaching and also research."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" இந்த Veterinary College-ல் வாசிக்கும் மாணவர்களுக்கு residential, non-residential scholarship களுக்காக எவ்வளவு மான்யம் ஒதுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது ? 1952-ம் வருட ஆட்சியாளர் ஆண்டு அறிக்கையில் தாழ்த்தப்பட்ட மாணவர்கள் ஒருவர்கூட இல்லை என்று குறிப்பிடப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. இதற்கு முன்பு Harijan Welfare Department-க்கும், Animal Husbandry Department-க்கும் ஒரே மந்திரியாக இருந்தாலும் கூட, இந்த மிருக ஆஸ்பத்திரியிலும், அந்த மாணவர்கள் பயிலும் பள்ளியிலும் ஹரிஜனங்களை அனுமதித்தது கிடையாது. இதற்குப் பிரத்யேக காரணங்கள் ஏதாவது உண்டா என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" As regards the first part of the question, I would like to have notice. Regarding the absence of Harijan students in the Veterinary College, that matter will depend on the applications received. We cannot recruit and compel particular students to come and join the college simply because certain communities are unrepresented."

Applications for the tenements of Cox Cheri, Madras.

* 599 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state with reference to the answer to the starred question No. 59, dated 18th March 1953—

(*a*) whether any advertisement was made in the dailies by the City Improvement Trust calling for applications to occupy the tenements of Cox Cheri, Madras;

(*b*) how many applications were received and the number of applications considered;

(*c*) the rent proposed and the area of each family room; and

(*d*) whether any Harijan family applied for the tenements?

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Yes. An advertisement was made in ' The Hindu ', ' The Mail ' and the ' Dinamani ".

" (*b*) One hundred and forty-three applications were received and considered. Forty-eight applicants were allotted the 48 apartments available in the Trust buildings.

" (*c*) The rent fixed for each apartment is Rs. 42 per mensem. The area of each family room is 140 square feet.

" (*d*) No information on the point has been furnished by the applicants in their applications."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister how many Harijan members are occupying the building for whom it has been constructed, who are occupying the building and what the income from the building to the Government is? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I said that 48 applicants had been assigned apartments. Ten allottees occupied the apartments. Then, fresh allotment orders have been issued. So far 21 apartments have been allotted and occupied."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" எத்தனை ஹரிஜனங்களுக்கு இந்த வீடுகள் கொடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கின்றன என்று கேட்டதற்கு கனம் மந்திரி அவர்களால் பதில் சொல்ல முடியவில்லை. ஒரு வீட்டுக்கு ரூ. 42 வாடகை என்று சொல்லப்படுகிறது. இதிலிருந்து ஹரிஜனங்கள் அந்த வீடுகளுக்கு வரமுடியாது என்று தெரிகிறது. இதற்கு முன்பு இந்தச் சேரி ஹரிஜனங்களுக்காக ஒதுக்கப்பட்டிருந்தது. City Improvement Trust ஏற்படுத்தியதன் நோக்கம் ஹரிஜனங்களை அந்தச் சேரியிலிருந்து காலி செய்துவிட்டு, அந்த வீடுகளை மேல் வகுப்பினருக்குக் கொடுப்பது தானா என்று கேட்க விரும்புகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Trust has provided alternative accommodation in Kodambakkam for some of the persons who could not occupy the apartments and have given them *ex gratia* payment to enable them to shift to their residences to Kodambakkam. The Trust Board has also recently resolved to construct cheap houses in Cox Cheri for the persons who are remaining there."

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" Is it not a fact that the original residents of this slum area were informed by the Trust Board that this particular building was being put up to provide accommodation for them? If such a promise has been given, why has it not been implemented, and why has the rent been fixed at such a high rate that none of those living in the cheri can occupy the apartments? What is the amount of profit likely to accrue to the City Improvement Trust by fixing the rent at such a high rate? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The City Improvement Trust hoped to accommodate persons displaced, in the new block to be erected, at economic rents. They expected grants from the Government. These grants were not given, and

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then the cost of construction went up by 50 per cent over the estimated figure. So, the Trust was not in a position to let out these apartments in the new block on rents, which would be within the means of the displaced persons."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" May I know how many Harijan families have been displaced or have been ousted out of this Cox Cheri and out of that full number, how many have been housed in the colony in Kodambakkam? What is the percentage compared to the total number of displaced persons? Did not the City Improvement Trust give an assurance to the Harijan families that have been ousted that first preference would be given to them . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The same question was put by the hon. Member, Sri Anthony Pillai."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Has the City Improvement Trust got under its contemplation any other scheme to house these people who have been displaced from Cox Cheri? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I have already answered this question. Probably the hon. Member was not listening to what I said."

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" This Cox Cheri was built nearly six or seven years ago. Why is it that the Government have taken such a long time to come to the decision of letting out these tenements at alleged economic rents and what amount of money has been lost by them by keeping these houses vacant for a long period of time? They have prevented the slum-dwellers from occupying them and they themselves have not made any money out of it. Is it sought to make up the loss by charging rents at high rates? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Cox Cheri blocks were built only in 1951. As they could not be rented out to the displaced people, the Government allowed the Trust to rent out the building for the best rent, the Trust could secure."

Provision of drinking water wells at Natham Gudiyatham, North Arcot district.

* 600 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state whether any representation has been received by the Government from the Harijans of Natham Gudiyatham, North Arcot district, for the provision of drinking water wells?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" A representation has been received by the District Welfare Officer, North Arcot. A well will be sunk in the cheri during 1954–55."